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FOLLOWING RECD FM NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WASHDC 19 OCT
REPEATED TO YOU. QUOTE:

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PLS PASS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY AT ...NASSAU BAHAMAS

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...BULLETIN...

NOAA NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER INTERMEDIATE TROPICAL STORM
ADVISORY NUMBER 10 GLDA 3 AM EDT FRIDAY OCTOBER 19 1973

...GILDA HESITATES ALONG NORTHERN CUBAN COAST...

LATE REPORTS FROM A NOAA RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND CUBAN
WEATHER STATIONS INDICATE TROPICAL STORM GILDA IS CENTERED JUST
OFF THE NORTHERN CUBAN COAST AT 3 AM EDT OR NEAR LATITUDE 22.5
NORTH AND LONGITUDE 79.0 WEST. GILDA IS EXPECTED TO RESUME A
NORTHERLY COURSE ABOUT 7 MPH THIS MORNING AS THE CIRCULATION
BECOMES BETTER ORGANIZED OVER THE FLORIDA STRAITS.

HIGHEST SUSTAINED WINDS ARE 60 MPH WITH CONDITIONS REMAINING
FAVORABLE FOR GRADUAL STRENGTHENING AND GILDA MAY BECOME A
HURRICANE LATER TODAY. WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO GALE
FORCE OVER SOME OF THE WESTERN BAHAMA LATER TODAY AND COULD REACH
REACH HURRICANE FORCE BY LATE TODAY OR TONIGHT. SMALL CRAFT IN
THE BAHAMAS FROM ELEUTHERA WESTWARD SHOULD SEEK HARBORS SAFE FROM
ELUTHERA WESTWARD SHOULD SEEK HARBORS SAFE FROM SHIFTING EASTERLY
GALES AND RISING TIDES. SMALL CRAFT AROUND THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
COAST AND THE KEYS SHOULD STAY IN SAFE HARBOR. WARNINGS...IF

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NEEDED ...WILL BE ISSUED FOR A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

COAST

AND KEYS LATER THIS MORNING AND RESIDENTS SHOULD BE PREPAED TO
TAKE PRECAUTIONS AT THAT TIME.

HEAVY RAINS ARE CONTINUING OVER EASTERN AND CENTRAL CUBA AND
THESE RAINS WILL SPREAD OVER THE BAHAMAS DURING TODAY...WITH
LESSER AMOUNTS EXPECTED OVER SOUTHEAST FLORIDA.

HIGH TIDES OF ABOUT 2 FEET OCCUR AT THIS TIME OF YEAR ALONG THE
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA COAST SO ANY ADDITIONAL INCREASE DUE TO GILDA
WILL INCREASE THE FLOODING THREAT TO LOW LYING COASTAL AREAS. MORE
SPECIFIC TIDE INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN SUBSEQUENT
ADVISORIES TODAY.

THE NEXT ADVISORY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER
AT 6 AM EDT.

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